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SUBJECT: WHO SPECIAL COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO HEALTH CONDI-
TIONS IN ME OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: A. GENEVA 2300; B. TEL AVIV 1991; C. STATE 64232

1. DEPT CONSIDERS APRIL 23 DATE (REF A) SET FOR ORGANI-
ZATIONAL MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO STUDY
HEALTH CONDITIONS OF INHABITANTS OF ME OCCUPIED TERRI-
TORIES UNHELPFUL IN VIEW OF US OBJECTIVE TO AVOID POLE-
MICAL ME DEBATE DURING MAY 7 - 25 WHA. ASSUMING SENEGAL,
INDONESIA AND RUMANIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED TO
PROVIDE EXPERTS (REF. A), MISSION SHOULD URGE SECRETARIAT
HAVE MEETING RE-SCHEDULED AFTER WHA CLOSES ON GROUNDS
THREE COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED AND EVEN IF THEY DO,
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IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR EXPERTS TO ARRIVE IN TIME FOR

APRIL 23 MEETING. AS UNDERSCORED REFTEL C, US SEEKS TO AVOID WHA CONTROVERSY ENVISAGED BY SECRETARIAT IF, AS IS MOST PROBABLE, ISRAEL DOES NOT REPLY TO OR REFUSES SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO ADMIT EXPERTS FROM COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (SENEGAL AND INDONESIA).

2. MISSION SHOULD CONSULT FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS AND URGE THEM TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES TO SECRETARIAT IN INTEREST

OF AVOIDING CONTENTIOUS ME DEBATE IN WHA. IN ITS DISCRETION, MISSION MAY ASK EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO INFORM SECRETARIAT THAT POSTPONEMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING UNTIL AFTER WHA CLOSES WOULD BE DESIRABLE SO AS TO AVOID UPSETTING DELICATE ME NEGOTIATION PROCESS WITH POLEMICAL WHA DEBATES.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI OF US ASSESSMENT THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE TO REOPEN ISSUE ESTABLISHMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE AT FORTHCOMING WHA SINCE WE CANNOT OBTAIN THE VOTES REQUIRED TO HAVE DECISION REVERSED AND DEBATE WOULD PROBABLY BE HOSTILE TO ISRAEL. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT APPEAR PROMISING, WE ARE SEEKING POSTPONEMENT APRIL 23 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNTIL AFTER WHA CLOSES. RUSH

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